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Get Ready for the 13th Annual Rio Linda Elverta Country Faire



Beyond the showcase, attendees can expect more than 130 vendor booths featuring handmade crafts, jewelry, clothing, woodwork and other locally made goods, along with food trucks and live entertainment throughout the weekend. Photo courtesy of the RLE Country Faire



Attractions include farm animals, carnival games, a horseshoe tournament, raffles, a watermelon-eating contest and guided tours of the historic Ranch House. Photo courtesy of the RLE Country Faire

By Khushi Salgia

RIO LINDA, CA (MPG) - Mark your calendars for a weekend of late-summer celebration as the 13th Annual Rio Linda Elverta Country Faire returns on Saturday, Sept. 19 and Sunday, Sept. 20. Organized by the Rio

Linda Country Faire Committee, this beloved tradition brings neighbors together to showcase the talent, creativity and agricultural roots of the community for the education and enjoyment of the public. This year, the event moves to an exciting location at The Dry Creek



Families can enjoy a free Fun Zone with jump houses, face painting, games, a toddler area and a rock climbing wall. Photo courtesy of the RLE Country Faire

Ranch House, situated at 6852 Dry Creek Road in Rio Linda, on the historical society grounds. To accommodate even more local talent and offer enhanced experience for visitors, the organizers are introducing a new, larger tented exhibit space for

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Level Up at Lacrosse Camp

By MPG Staff

RIO LINDA/ELVERTA, CA (MPG)

- The Rio Linda Elverta Recreation and Park District has announced its Lacrosse Skills Camp in partnership with the National Academy of Athletics. The non-contact camp is an opportunity for beginners and intermediate players to learn skills such as scooping, passing, catching and shooting. Players will be grouped by age. According to its website, the National Academy of Athletics offers youth sports programs, camps, clinics, after-school enrichment and recreation



The non-contact camp is an opportunity for beginners and intermediate players to learn skills such as scooping, passing, catching and shooting. Photo courtesy of the National Academy of Athletics

services for children ages 3-14. Curriculums are designed to "help children

build confidence, athletic fundamentals, teamwork, communication skills, and emotional resilience." Camp will take place on Tuesdays from Aug. 4-25. Campers ages 4-7 will play from 5 to 6 p.m. Campers ages 7-14 will play from 6 to 7 p.m. at Westside Park, 6601 W Second St., Rio Linda. Registration for the camp is \$80; however, Twin Rivers Unified School District students may qualify to have their registration fees fully covered by the district. Visit: www.rleparks.com. For more information, visit the Rio Linda Elverta Recreation-Parks District Facebook page. ★

Still Time to Visit the California State Fair



Californians still have one final weekend to visit the 2026 California State Fair before it closes Sunday, Aug. 2, at Cal Expo. Photo courtesy of the California State Fair

By Omella Rossi

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Californians still have one final weekend to visit the 2026 California State Fair before it closes Sunday, Aug. 2, at Cal Expo. The fair opens at 10 a.m. Friday through Sunday. Entrance gates and exhibit buildings close at 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday, although some attractions may continue until 11 p.m. On Sunday, the final day, the fair closes at 8 p.m. Gate admission is \$18 for adults, \$14 for seniors 62 and older and \$12 for children ages 5 to 12. Children 4 and younger are admitted free. Participating Save Mart stores offer discounted tickets, and parking at Cal Expo costs \$15. Sacramento Republic FC will play at Heart Health Park at 8 p.m. Saturday, and match tickets include same-day admission to the fair. The final weekend includes three headline concerts on the Sky River Casino Stage. Boyz II Men performs Friday, followed by WAR on Saturday and Yacht Rock Revue on Sunday. The concerts are included with fair admission, but free viewing space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Reserved seating costs extra and does not include fair admission. Friday and Saturday nights will also end with fireworks. Beyond the concerts, visitors can spend the weekend on carnival rides, see livestock in the Big Barn and watch family entertainment such as sea lions, acrobats, racing pigs and dog performances. Indoor exhibits include the King Tut Experience, the Candy Maze and Selfie Experience, fine art and photography displays, a California First Peoples art showcase, lowrider culture and the California Cannabis Exhibit and Experience. Food options range from traditional fair favorites such as funnel cakes, churros, corn dogs and Dole Whip to barbecue, baked potatoes, mac and cheese, tacos, Thai food, boba, tanghulu and Dubai chocolate. Adults can also visit

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ACC Care Center Earns Prestigious 5-Star Overall Rating from Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

ACC Senior Services News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - ACC Senior Services is proud to announce that the ACC Care Center has earned the highest possible 5-Star Overall Rating from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), a distinction that recognizes excellence in quality of care, staffing and health inspections.

According to the CMS official release, the updated Five-Star Quality Ratings appear on the Medicare Care Compare website on or around July 29. ACC Senior Services is pleased to share this achievement with its residents, families, employees and the greater Sacramento community.

“This achievement reflects the unwavering dedication, compassion and professionalism of every member of our Care Center team,” said Interim President & CEO of ACC Senior Services, Jill Hays. “This recognition reinforces our commitment to clinical excellence, person-centered care, and continuous improvement.”

Interim President & CEO of ACC Senior Services, Heidi Wheeler added, “We are incredibly proud of our entire Care Center Team and grateful for the trust our residents and families place in us every day.”

The CMS Five-Star Quality Rating System – one of the nation’s most trusted measures of nursing home quality – assists families make informed decisions when choosing care for their loved ones. Facilities are evaluated across three key areas: health inspections, staffing levels and quality measures. An overall 5-Star



rating signifies that ACC Care Center performs well above average in delivering skilled nursing and rehabilitation services, placing it among the nation’s highest-performing skilled nursing facilities.

“Achieving five stars represents more than a rating. It reflects the trust we build, the lives we touch, and the excellent care we deliver every day,” said Director of Nursing at ACC Care Center, Kristy Moore.

Located in Sacramento’s Pocket neighborhood, ACC Care Center has served the community for 39 years, providing skilled nursing, short-term rehabilitation, and long-term custodial care in a culturally welcoming environment. ACC Senior Services has served older adults and their families throughout the greater Sacramento region for more than 50 years, remaining committed to its mission of enriching lives through compassionate care and innovative programs. ACC Senior Services remains committed to continuously enhancing the quality of care and services it provides while fostering a welcoming, compassionate environment where older adults can real and thrive.

About ACC Senior Services:

ACC Senior Services is a community-based 502(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to enriching the lives of older adults through high-quality programs, senior housing, and care services. Serving the greater Sacramento region for over 53 years, ACC provides a continuum of care that promotes independence, wellness, and community connection. ★

Friends of Feline Hosts Women’s Self Defense Seminar Fundraiser

By MPG Staff

RIO LINDA, CA (MPG) - Looking for a way to support friendly felines in your community? Local 501 nonprofit, Friends of Feline Rescue, is hosting a fun and empowering upcoming community fundraiser next month.

Join Friends of Feline for a two-hour women’s self-defense seminar. This seminar is designed to give you practical self-defense skills and confidence to protect yourself. Every dollar raised for this fundraiser goes directly toward veterinary care, spay and neuter services, food and supplies for the animals in their care. Friends of Felines is a nonprofit



dedicated to reducing cat population, rescuing homeless cats and kittens and helping families throughout our community. They currently have spent over \$70,000 in the past seven months on this compassionate mission.

The self-defense seminar will be instructed by Down Range Logistics on 6801 Curved Bridge Road, Suite C in Rio Linda from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday Aug. 11.

Admission is \$50 per person and space is limited. Reserve your spot today!

For any questions you can contact Friends of Felines at www.friendsoffelinesrescue.com. We hope to see you there! ★

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the Save Mart Wine Garden or Beer Den. Visitors should prepare for Sacramento’s summer heat by bringing sunscreen and sealed plastic water bottles. Outside food is allowed. Bags must follow the fair’s

clear-bag policy and generally cannot exceed 12 by 12 by 2 inches. The fair is at 1600 Exposition Blvd. Visitors should check the official daily schedule before arriving as event times and closing hours are subject to change. ★



Researchers Study Potential of Agave Crop

Agave, a succulent long grown in parts of Mexico to make tequila and mezcal, has in recent years attracted the attention of California farmers seeking options as they face water shortages and the prospect of fallowing land. The drought-resilient crop has demonstrated commercially viable yields with less than a tenth of the water usage needed for many tree crops. To help farmers, experts are ramping up research on cultivating agave in California and exploring various potential markets for the crop. According to researchers, the long-term potential of California’s budding agave sector may depend on learning which practices traditionally used to grow the plant in Mexico need to be altered for the state’s various growing environments and which varieties grow best in California. “We want to see which ones, depending on the variety, will thrive in the Central Valley so we could take the risk for the farmers,” said Ángel Reyna, president of Madera Community College, which earlier this year planted 20 agave varieties in a test plot.

Mechanical Harvest Research Bolsters Table Olive Prospects

California table olive producers have endured a challenging decade. Once an important crop in the Golden State—particularly in Butte, Glenn, Tehama, San Joaquin and Tulare counties—high picking costs, relentless foreign competition and a shift to more promising crops have shrunk the sector. Today, more than 60% of the state’s olive acreage is dedicated to oil production rather than canning. Research being conducted by a team of University of California researchers, including farm adviser Becky Wheeler-Dykes, is aimed at

improving mechanical harvest efficiency for table olives to save on labor costs. For the past three years, the researchers have been testing the use of the synthetic ethylene precursor Accede, which loosens fruit attachment, requiring less force from trunk shakers to remove the fruit and allowing more olives to be harvested at once. The product is not yet registered for use on olives. Wheeler-Dykes said the UC team has been collecting the required data for registration and expressed hope that Accede will become registered by next year.

Overnight Guests Add Key Revenue Stream For Farms

More California farms and ranches are incorporating small-scale overnight camping into their operations. The trend comes as farms seek to diversify their incomes amid rising land ownership costs, water uncertainty and fluctuating crop prices, according to the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources. It was also boosted by Assembly Bill 518, state legislation approved last year that created a new state category for small nature-based campsites so that they no longer need a commercial occupancy permit. “It is a positive that agricultural producers may have more options to diversify their income in a way that is compatible with their farming business and that invites the public to appreciate the beauty of California’s agricultural lands,” said Rachael Callahan, statewide agritourism coordinator for the UC Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program. “It is promising that policymakers are thoughtfully engaging with how to create new opportunities for farmers and ranchers, and remove barriers, to ultimately strengthen farm viability.” ★



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Ready for the Call

Metro Fire new training facility opens with a focus on preparedness and partnership

By Ornella Rossi

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - When residents call 911 during a wild-fire, medical emergency or major disaster, the response often depends on training completed long before the emergency begins. The firefighters who will protect the Sacramento region for decades to come now have a new place to learn their craft. Sacramento Metro-politan Fire District officially opened the Zinfandel First Responder Training Facility on June 25 at 3801 Zinfandel Drive, marking a major investment in firefighter training, regional collaboration and public safety for the more than 750,000 residents served throughout Sacramento and Placer counties.

The new campus brings Metro Fire’s Training Division and Recruit Academies together in one location for the first time, creating a centralized

environment where recruits, firefighters, paramedics and specialized teams can train using realistic, hands-on scenarios.

“The opening of the Zinfandel First Responder Training Facility represents far more than a new building,” Metro Fire Chief Adam House said. “It reflects Metro Fire’s long-term commitment to excellence, preparedness and the communities we serve.”

House said the facility will help strengthen regional readiness while ensuring firefighters are prepared to respond to increasingly complex emergencies, including wildfires, technical rescues, hazardous materials incidents and medical emergencies.

The purpose-built campus integrates classroom instruction, physical fitness training, hands-on exercises and mentorship opportunities in a single location. According to House, the approach creates a

more consistent and efficient training experience while exposing recruits to realistic emergency situations before they encounter them in the field.

Metro Fire officials said the facility was also designed with regional partnerships in mind. Agencies from across the area will have opportunities to train together, improving communication and coordination before responding to large-scale emergencies.

“From the beginning, this facility was envisioned as more than a Metro Fire asset,” House said. “It creates opportunities for agencies throughout the region to train together before responding together.”

The campus is already serving its first recruit class. Recruit Academy Class 26-1 became the first group of firefighter trainees to call the facility home.

House said the class represents



Metro Fire officials said the facility was also designed with regional partnerships in mind. Photo courtesy of the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District

the future of the profession and the beginning of the facility’s long-term impact.

“For decades to come, thousands of firefighters and first responders will develop the knowledge, skills and confidence needed to serve our communities from this campus,” House said. “That’s the lasting legacy

of this investment, not the building itself, but the people who will train here and the lives they’ll protect throughout their careers.”

The training center is expected to serve firefighters and emergency personnel throughout their careers while helping strengthen public safety across the Sacramento region. ★



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Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District officially opened the Zinfandel First Responder Training Facility on June 25 at 3801 Zinfandel Drive. Photo courtesy of the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District

Sacramento Suburban Water District Purchases Groundwater Well Contractor to Secure Scarce Expertise

Sacramento Suburban Water District News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Sacramento Suburban Water District (SSWD) announced it has purchased Kirby’s Pump and Mechanical (KPM), a California Class A General Contractor that specializes in mechanical work on groundwater well pump systems.

Licensed groundwater well contractors are in short supply in California. Adding KPM’s expertise allows the district to maintain pumping capacity and respond quickly to repairs, both reactively and proactively.

SSWD entered into an exclusive agreement with KPM in 2023 to maintain and repair the district’s 70-plus groundwater wells for the next five years. SSWD relies on groundwater, and having exclusive access to their services was critical to avoiding prolonged well outages.



SSWD Board of Directors and KPM owners group picture. From left to right: Attorney, Adam Brown; Attorney, Josh Horowitz; SSWD General Manager, Dan York; SSWD Director, Robert Wichert; SSWD Board President Craig Locke; KPM Owner, J. Hannum; KPM Owner, Kristin Hannum; SSWD Director, Jay Boatwright; SSWD Assistant General Manager, Matt Underwood; SSWD Director of Finance, Jeff Ott. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Suburban Water District

“During the three years that KPM worked exclusively with SSWD, they’ve made a significant difference in strengthening the reliability of our water system,” said SSWD General Manager, Dan York. “Their work has restored approximately 100,000 GPM of pumping capacity. They have also rehabilitated

19 wells, upgraded and repaired motor and electrical service and made numerous other improvements that made our operations more efficient.”

SSWD staff evaluated KPM’s performance over the initial years of the contract. It was determined that KPM could not only undertake standard well

maintenance and rehabilitation but also perform a wide range of additional tasks. They also found that SSWD has the facilities to house KPM staff and equipment.

A Board of Directors committee reviewed KPM’s performance and commissioned an independent cost-benefit analysis.

The independent analysis found that SSWD would recoup the KPM purchase in under 3.5 years and achieve approximately \$7 million in cost savings over a ten-year period compared with maintaining the current contract.

“Today’s purchase of KPM marks another important moment in

SSWD’s commitment to water reliability and infrastructure improvement,” said President, SSWD Board of Directors, Craig Locke. “It’s a fiscally responsible decision that strengthens our water system for our ratepayers and the community at large.”

For more information, visit sswd.org. ★

FBI Returns Accused Murderer to Sacramento for Prosecution

Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Sacramento Field Office News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Sacramento Field Office announces the capture and extradition of Jose Guadalupe Lopez Nunez, a Mexican national who is wanted for murder in Sacramento County. Lopez Nunez was apprehended near Mezquital del Oro, Zacatecas, Mexico, on Aug. 31, 2025, following a tip from the public. He was extradited to Sacramento by FBI agents on July 2 and made his first appearance in Sacramento Superior Court on July 7.

“We hope today’s arrest offers some relief to the family of Emelina Quintero-Ramos after

many years of waiting for prosecution,” said FBI Sacramento Acting Special Agent in Charge Brian Tosh. “The FBI proudly partners with domestic and international partners across the globe to ensure fugitives have nowhere to hide. The public is a powerful force multiplier; tips help locate fugitives, recover missing children, and solve crimes every day. When we work together, justice is possible.”

On Sept. 4, 2017, an angler discovered the body of the deceased female, later identified as Emelina Quintero-Ramos, in the Sacramento River near Isleton. Following an investigation by the Sacramento County Sheriff’s Office, a felony warrant for Lopez Nunez’s arrest was issued on Oct. 16, 2017, alleging that Lopez Nunez’s killed

Emelina Quintero-Ramos, who was his girlfriend, and disposed of her body in the Sacramento River to conceal the crime.

On Oct. 24, 2017, a federal arrest warrant was issued in the United States District Court, Eastern District of California, for unlawful flight to avoid prosecution. The FBI subsequently issued a wanted poster and launched an international

campaign to locate Lopez Nunez.

Charges are mere allegations of criminal misconduct, and all defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law.

The FBI Sacramento Field Office worked closely with U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of California, Sacramento County District Attorney’s Office, Sacramento County Sheriff’s Department, FBI Law Enforcement Attache Office in Mexico City, and the INTERPOL National Central Bureau in Mexico to secure Lopez Nunez’s apprehension and return for prosecution.

Lopez Nunez’s return is funded by the United States Government’s “Project Welcome Home,” which provides funding to assist in the return of state

and local fugitives to the United States.

The FBI continues to collaborate with its domestic and international law enforcement partners to apprehend criminals charged with state crimes who flee the jurisdiction. Cases seeking information from the public, including fugitive matters, are posted on the FBI Sacramento Field Office’s Most Wanted web page and FBI Most Wanted application.

Anyone with information that may aid these cases may contact their local FBI office, United States embassy, or submit information online at tips.fbi.gov. The FBI does not confirm the identity of individuals who provide information to the FBI and tips from the public remain a valuable tool for preventing, detecting and deterring crime. ★



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Board Elects 2026-27 Officers, Welcomes New Trustees

Newly Elected Trustees, Re-Elected Incumbent to Serve Four-Year Terms

Sacramento County Office of Education News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento County Board of Education selected its officers for 2026-27 during the July 14 board meeting. Mariana Corona Sabeniano (Area 2 Trustee) will serve another term as board president and Vanessa D. Caigoy, MBA (Area 4 Trustee) will be board vice president.

Prior to selecting its officers, the board welcomed back Mariana Corona Sabeniano (Area 2 Trustee), who was re-elected unopposed and extended a warm welcome to its newest trustees, Dominique Donette, M.Ed. (Area 1 Trustee) and Annie Fischer (Area 3 Trustee). They will each serve



Trustees Annie Fischer (third from left) and Dominique Donette, M.Ed. (second from right) pose with the Board of Education and Superintendent Gordon. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County Board of Education

four-year terms ending in 2030.

Dominique Donette (Duh-nay), M.Ed. (Area 1 Trustee), who was sworn in the week prior, leads government affairs work across California for EdVoice. She earned her undergraduate degree from the University of California, Berkeley, a master’s degree in education policy and management from the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and a master’s degree in educational leadership through the Broad Residency in Urban Education.

Annie Fischer (Area 3 Trustee), who was sworn in the day before the board meeting, is a California state employee. She earned a bachelor’s degree in anthropology with a minor in U.S. History from California State University, Fullerton. ★

New Rooster Ordinance Supports Animal Welfare and Public Safety



Most residents who keep backyard poultry have a small flock and provide excellent care for their animals. However, Animal Control Officers occasionally respond to properties with unusually large numbers of roosters. Photo courtesy of Sacramento County

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - In July, Sacramento County's updated Crowing Fowl Ordinance will provide clearer standards for keeping roosters in unincorporated Sacramento County while strengthening protections for both animals and the community. The ordinance is designed to support responsible rooster ownership, improve animal welfare, reduce nuisance conditions and help deter illegal cockfighting. For Sacramento County Animal Care Services, the ordinance is also an opportunity to educate the public about the work Animal Control Officers perform every day.

When residents hear about rooster-related calls, many

assume they're simply responding to complaints about early morning crowing. While noise complaints are one reason officers may be dispatched, Animal Control Officers are trained to assess much more than sound. During an investigation, officers evaluate the overall health and welfare of the animals, including whether they have access to adequate food, clean water, appropriate shelter and safe living conditions. They also look for signs of neglect, overcrowding or injuries that may require intervention.

Most residents who keep backyard poultry have a small flock and provide excellent care for their animals. However, Animal Control Officers occasionally respond to properties with unusually large numbers of

roosters. Large concentrations of roosters can present animal welfare concerns, including injuries caused by fighting among birds, inadequate housing, sanitation issues and limited access to food and water. In some situations, these conditions may also warrant further investigation into possible illegal activity.

Cockfighting remains illegal throughout California and is considered a form of animal cruelty. Animal Control Officers work closely with law enforcement partners when investigating suspected cockfighting cases. While no single observation confirms illegal activity, officers are trained to recognize patterns that may indicate birds are being bred, housed or conditioned for fighting. These investigations help protect animals from

abuse while supporting safer neighborhoods.

The updated ordinance establishes numerical limits for the incidental, non-commercial keeping of roosters based on parcel size while creating a registration process for qualifying properties that may need additional birds for recognized purposes. It also establishes animal care standards, prohibits tethering and strengthens enforcement tools available to County staff. For many responsible poultry owners, the ordinance simply provides clearer expectations for keeping healthy birds while being considerate of neighbors.

Animal Control Officers do much more than respond to stray dogs and lost pets. Each day they investigate reports of

animal neglect and cruelty, educate pet and livestock owners, enforce local animal ordinances and work alongside law enforcement to protect both animals and the public.

The new Crowing Fowl Ordinance provides another tool to help officers address concerns before they become larger animal welfare issues while continuing to support responsible animal ownership throughout Sacramento County. Residents can learn more about the Crowing Fowl Ordinance, including frequently asked questions and registration information, on Sacramento County's Crowing Fowl webpage.

Residents who have concerns about roosters in their neighborhood are encouraged to report them by calling 311. ★

DPR Releases Final Findings from State-Funded Fumigant Alternatives Study

California Department of Pesticide Regulation News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) released the fourth and final component of a multi-part study exploring alternatives to fumigant pesticides. The last report focused on the risks and benefits of pre-plant fumigants.

The research conducted by the California Council on Science and Technology (CCST) specifically looked at methyl bromide and three pesticides known as MITC generators – dazomet, metam-sodium and metam-potassium. Similar to the findings from CCST’s previous



The California Department of Pesticide Regulation has released the final component of multi-part study exploring alternatives to fumigant pesticides. Photo designed by Magnific.

reports, this report found that, while alternatives exist, there is no single alternative that can be used as a 1:1 substitute for methyl bromide or MITC generators. In particular, the cost and effectiveness of alternatives remain a significant barrier for growers. More crop- and region-specific research is needed to determine the

efficacy of alternatives at commercial scale.

“DPR has made a strong commitment to sustainable pest management and finding alternatives to fumigants,” said DPR Director Karen Morrison. “We will continue to prioritize actions to protect human health and the environment through research and innovation.” ★

Sustainable Business Awards and Resource Expo

Sacramento County News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Sacramento County Office of Economic Development's Business Environmental Resource Center will recognize local businesses advancing sustainability and environmental stewardship during the Sustainable Business Awards and Resource Expo on Wednesday, Sept. 6, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Mack Powell Event Center in Sacramento.

This sponsor-supported event is offered free of charge to the Sacramento County community. Advanced registration is required as space is limited. Complimentary appetizers will be provided.

“The businesses we're recognizing are showing that sustainability isn't just good for the environment, it's good for business,” said Director of County's Office of Economic Development, Crystal Bethke. “One of the best parts of this event is seeing businesses share ideas that others can take back to their own operations. We

hope this event inspires more businesses to explore what's possible and connects them with the people and resources to get started.”

Attendees will have the opportunity to connect with local businesses, business support organizations, explore resources available to businesses, network with environmental leaders and discover innovative sustainability efforts taking place throughout the county. The program portion of the event will feature an awards ceremony where businesses certified through County's Sustainable Business Program are highlighted.

The Sustainable Business Program is supported by County departments and regional partners, including building permits and inspection, airports, environmental management, planning and environmental review, waste management and recycling, water resources, Sacramento Area Sewer District, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District and Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD). ★

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

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1. Charlie "Bird" Parker's sax

5. Mary ____, businesswoman extraordinaire

8. Downloadable smartphone purchase

11. In ____ of

12. Greek salad staple

13. Appraisal

15. Law school prerequisite, acr.

16. "Once ____ a Time in America"

17. Dictum, pl.

18. * ____, press, Johannes Gutenberg's invention

20. "Sittin' On the Dock of the Bay" singer

21. In need of a muffler

22. Make a choice

23. *Genghis Khan's ____ Empire

26. Intima, pl.

30. Fertility clinic stock

31. Tranquil

34. Famous Steeler coach, Chuck ____

35. Twisted cotton thread

37. Key next to spacebar

38. Like a gymnast

39. Naysayer's favorite prefix

40. Develop, as in story

42. ____-AFTRA

43. Famous fox of fable

45. Like a smell of soil

47. *World's first 24-hour TV news network, acr.

48. Molten rock

50. Smoke plus fog

52. *First Roman emperor

55. Part of foot, pl.

56. Chowder protein

57. Pelvic parts

59. Are not

60. *Homesteader's purchase, sing.

61. "____ the good die young"

62. *Pres. during the Cuban Missile Crisis

63. It is

64. Fermented rice brew

DOWN

1. Pledge of Allegiance ending

2. Talk like Daffy

3. Eye drop

4. Day trip

5. Flat-topped military caps

6. Lack of muscle tension

7. Opposite of yin

8. Mushroom spore sacs

9. Benatar and Morita, e.g.

10. Money in Myanmar

12. Pointless

13. Take as one's own

14. * ____ Bull, Lakota's famous leader

19. Gallows' rope

22. *World War ____, 1914-18

23. Wisdom tooth, e.g.

24. Sheep-like

25. Highly unpleasant

26. "He's Just Not That ____ You"

27. Damp

28. Islam's Supreme Being

29. Lament for the dead

32. Writer Ayn

33. Rudolph's friend Hermey, e.g.

36. *One of Mount Rushmore presidents

38. *First President in the White House

40. Cremation ashes container

41. Peanut or pea, e.g.

44. Emotional turmoil

46. 2:1 and 3:1, e.g.

48. Defraud

49. Petri dish jellies

50. Feudal lord's servant

51. Humble and docile

52. Frozen bowl berry

53. Arm bone

54. *The ____ Road, ancient East-West trade route

55. Pilgrimage to Mecca

58. Pirate's "yes"

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Kings Korner

By V.G. Harris

The Team is Getting Younger

By V.G. Harris

Does anyone remember four years ago when your own Sacramento Kings led the NBA in scoring? I do, and what a magical season of excitement it was!

So, if we don't lead the league in scoring but become a palindrome that plays defensive like it's our mission in life, how happy would that make you?

Yes, Scott Perry like his coach Doug Christie has sounded like a myna bird as it relates to defense, so as we like to say, "the proof is in the pudding."

Put No. 1 on the Sacramento Kings agenda as PLAY BETTER DEFENSE! Then, expect it.

Coaches, the GM, and ownership need to hold players accountable, including the free throw shooting.

Any NBA team that is a cellar dweller in any category needs to take it seriously and make the necessary changes to remedy the problem. Don't settle for just getting a little better, fix the problem!

When high school teams have a higher percentage of success from the same 15' line as your NBA team does, you have a problem.

On to the positive.

Stop listening to the radio talking heads that seem to believe they're suddenly experts when it comes to the Sacramento Kings and are collectively giving this team no chance at finishing on the north side of 30 wins. What utter nonsense.

Yes, the Kings had a good if not excellent draft and apart from Alex Karaban's sprained ankle that limited his action in summer league, the youngsters that are about to make up this year's team acquitted themselves admirably.

What measures need to be taken to put the Kings in a 30-plus game winning season?

Double down on your decision to make Keegan Murray the first-round draft choice he was just four years ago and help him make season No. 5 one to remember.

If Keegan Murray can shoot 41 percent from three-point land in his first year and set a new NBA rookie record for three-pointers, he surely can remedy a career low 27 percent last season and return to the Keegan Murray that brought us to our feet so many times before.

Work with this young man who is now a veteran player and needs to find his way on a team with former all-star Zach Lavine, and first round draft choice Darius Acuff Jr. Surely the three of them will be starting along with Domantas Sabonis and whoever wins the job as the power forward alongside him.

Player chemistry is all important and this year's preseason will help set the table for what portends to be a very interesting if not highly productive 2026-27 NBA season.

Start with Domantas Sabonis and the consistency he brings to the table. For three seasons in a row Domantas led the NBA in rebounds and has been one of highest-ranking double-double leaders in recent memory. He even led the NBA in double-doubles and triple-doubles the same season!

Start appreciating and celebrating what you have, and I'm talking now to the Kings franchise. Your persistence in trying to get rid of the one true leader you have on this team is demeaning and it needs to stop.

Celebrate what this Stevedore brings to the court every night and use his talents as a veteran and all-star and let him serve the youngsters on this team as the true mentor he is.

Much of what we can expect this season will come with the success of Domantas Sabonis and his teammate Zach Lavine.

If Lavine can stay healthy and return to his standard of excellence that made him an all-star, Darius Acuff Jr. and Keegan Murray will benefit greatly from his prowess.

Players like Precious Achiuwa, Emanuel Sharp, Dylan Cardwell, Marquel Sutton, Alex Karaban, Isaiah Stevens and Jonathan Mogbo are waiting for their chance, and the success of our veterans will only accelerate the schooling of these youngsters.

Pick your favorite Kings fans because whether by chance or by luck, Scott Perry has given you a lot to look at, and what you're looking at are legitimate NBA players.

Can Doug Christie build the team chemistry needed to make winners out of a promising young team and silence the naysayers that are ever present before every season starts?

The talent is here Kings fans, so don't be afraid to get a little excited.

All the best! ★

How Crime and the Politics of Crime Rise and Fall in California



By Dan Walters, CALMatters.org

For two decades, beginning in the late 1970s, the most powerful issue in California politics was crime.

Sensational crimes such as the 1993 kidnapping and murder of 12-year-old Polly Klaas fueled anti-crime furor and new laws, including the infamous three strikes measure.

By depicting Democrats as soft on criminals, Republicans dominated elections for president, U.S. Senate and the governorship and made strong gains in the Legislature.

Jerry Brown, the Democratic governor who took office in 1975 as the anti-crime movement was gathering steam, felt the backlash, compelling him to sign a string of tough anti-crime bills that Democratic legislators carried to placate voters.

Brown's opposition to the death penalty was a factor in his failed 1982 bid for a U.S. Senate seat. Voters instead opted for Republican Pete Wilson and elected another Republican, capital punishment advocate George Deukmejian, to succeed Brown as governor. Eight years later, Wilson won the governorship.

In 1986, voters not only re-elected Deukmejian as governor, but they ousted three of Brown's state Supreme Court appointees, including Chief Justice Rose Bird. Bird and Justices Cruz Reynoso and Joseph Grodin had made opposition to the death penalty obvious in their rulings.

Although he had signed bills to put more criminals behind bars, Brown was reluctant to build new prisons to house a sharply rising number of felons. That changed when Deukmejian became governor. In the 16 years of his and Pete Wilson's governorships, the state built dozens of new prisons, as the number of inmates climbed from about 24,000 in 1980 to a peak of 173,000 in 2006.

Crime as a powerful political issue was not as irrational as some critics have contended. The latest report on California crime, released by Attorney General Rob Bonta, confirms that in both absolute and relative terms, the state during the 1980s and 1990s saw sharp increases in criminal behavior, particularly violent crimes such as murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault.

In 1980, there were 209,903 such crimes reported, more than twice the 1970 total. Violent crimes hit a high water mark of 345,508 in 1992, and homicides a high of 4,005 in 1993. Relatively, violent crimes reached a high of 1,079.8 incidents per 100,000 Californians in 1991.

Crime as a political issue began to taper off in the late 1990s, as did crime as a demonstrable threat.

In 2025, there were 170,397 violent crimes reported — less than half the 1992 record — and the crime rate declined to 431.1 crimes per 100,000 Californians, well under half of the 1991 mark.

Why crime exploded during the 1980s and early

1990s has never been fully explained, although many possibilities have been advanced.

The more recent decline is also something of a mystery. And it's been accompanied by a reversal in criminal justice politics.

Federal courts in 2011 compelled California to reduce its inmate population due to overcrowding. The current population, about 90,000, is scarcely half the peak. And one-by-one, prisons are being closed.

Jerry Brown, who had signed numerous lock-'em-up bills during his first governorship, returned to the position in 2011 and championed more lenient treatment. He sponsored a 2014 ballot measure, Proposition 47, that made it much easier for inmates serving time for offenses deemed nonviolent to gain parole by redefining "nonviolent" to cover some pretty serious offenses.

Other ballot measures and laws enacted by the Legislature and Gov. Gavin Newsom have continued to soften the treatment of lawbreakers.

However, in 2024, voters passed Proposition 36, which tightened up the loose provisions of Prop. 47 and signaled at least a mild backlash, likely driven by a surge of smash-and-grab robberies.

Whether that backlash gains strength or California continues to ease off on punishment is a question that awaits an answer.

Dan Walters is one of the most decorated and widely syndicated columnists in California history, authoring a column four times a week that offers his view and analysis of the state's political, economic, social and demographic trends. ★

Social Security Matters

Should I Claim Spouse Benefits Now, or my Own SS Benefit?



By Russell Gloor, AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor

Dear Rusty: I am writing to get advice on the optimal time to sign up for Social Security benefits. I am a 64-year-old female, and my birthdate is August 1961. My husband is already taking his SS benefits, so I have also wondered if it be advisable to take spousal benefits or full benefits. **Signed: Wondering Spouse**

Dear Wondering: If you take your Social Security benefits at age 64, they will be permanently reduced. And, for information, you cannot take only your spousal benefit; you must take your own SS retirement benefit whenever you claim and, if you are entitled to more as your husband's spouse, you will also get a "spousal boost" to bring your monthly payment up to what you are entitled to as a spouse. If you claim at any time before your SS full retirement age (FRA) of 67, both your own SS retirement amount and your spousal boost amount will be actuarially reduced for claiming early. All of which means that claiming before your FRA (e.g., at 64) will mean your monthly benefit will be less than 50% of your husband's monthly FRA amount.

Now, for clarity, it's

important to know how spouse benefits are calculated: if your FRA entitlement is less than 50% of your husband's FRA entitlement, then you will get a "spousal boost" added to your own SS retirement amount. Note that FRA amounts are always used to calculate spousal amounts, regardless of the age at which benefits are claimed. If your husband waited until age 70 to get a higher monthly benefit, or even if he claimed before his FRA, your spousal amount would still be based on his FRA entitlement. If your FRA benefit is less than half of his FRA entitlement, you will get a spousal boost. If not, you won't.

Assuming you will be entitled to a "spousal boost," the decision you must make is whether to claim early (e.g., now at 64) or wait until you are 67 to get your maximum amount as your husband's spouse. The factors to consider are these:

- Are you still working? If so, claiming before FRA means you will be subject to an annual earnings limit until you reach FRA. The earnings limit for early filers in 2026 is \$24,480 and, if that is exceeded, SS will take away benefits of \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit (the limit increases a bit yearly). If you substantially exceed the earnings limit by working, you may even be temporarily ineligible for SS benefits until you either reach your FRA or stop working full time.
- Do you expect your husband to predecease you? If so, then your benefit as a

widow will be 100% of the larger amount he is collecting when he passes (provided when that occurs you've reached your FRA and your own SS retirement is less). Depending on timing, that may mean that taking a reduced spouse benefit now, which will be replaced by your larger widow benefit later, is a logical *choice*.

- What is your own life expectancy? If you have health issues or have other reasons to believe you will not achieve "average" life expectancy (average is about 87 for a woman your current age), then claiming your Social Security benefits early is likely a prudent choice.

So, as you can see, you must evaluate your personal circumstances to make this decision. Although we aren't able to say exactly when you should claim your SS benefits, I hope this provides the information you need to make an informed decision.

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What did the country ever do to white college graduates to make them feel so disaffected from its economic and political system? The wave of socialist victories in Democratic primaries is being driven by well-educated white voters who are more extreme than the rest of the Democratic coalition.

The latest evidence is a new poll in the closely watched Democratic primary for a Senate seat in Michigan. The AOC-endorsed, Israel-hating insurgent, Abdul El-Sayed, has had momentum, but is now narrowly trailing the establishment candidate, Haley Stevens. According to a Detroit News survey, Stevens is ahead by about seven points, with demographic advantages that are very telling.

Stevens, a goofy white lady, leads El-Sayed by a 3-to-1 margin among black voters. On the other hand, El-Sayed, a person of color or fully vested in the left's Third Worldist agenda, leads among white voters, 51-39%. Stevens, a career apparatchik and politician, leads among non-college-educated voters, 56-34%, whereas El-Sayed, who has been endorsed by the Working Families Party, is ahead with college-educated voters, 48-41.

The respective strengths of the two candidates run against the grain of what you might expect in a race between a conventional Democrat and a radical, yet accord with what we've seen in campaign after campaign.

Socialists may imagine themselves the champions of people of color and of

Workers of the world aren't uniting behind the DSA

workers, but their movement is, by and large, most attractive to caucasian associate professors of sociology who think they haven't achieved the station in life that they deserve.

It's less a proletarian phenomenon than a project of frustrated Ph.D. candidates and medium-level professionals. Because many socialist candidates have immigrant backgrounds, it can be tempting to consider the movement as fundamentally a function of immigration, when that's not true.

A 2021 survey of DSA members found that they were disproportionately white, at 85%, and disproportionately had college degrees (80%) or a higher degree (35%). This leaves them in a similar predicament to pioneering communists and socialists in Europe who talked up the prospect of a worker revolution, and then looked around the room and saw no workers, only intellectuals and activists like themselves.

The good news for DSA-aligned candidates is that college-educated white people are very reliable voters who can make a big difference in the kind of low-turnout primaries where anti-establishment, left-wing candidates thrive. A recent analysis in The New York Times noted that Zohran Mamdani-endorsed socialist Darializa Avila Chevalier defeated Rep. Adriano Espaillat in a marquee New York City congressional primary while winning high-education and higher-income areas; Espaillat, in contrast, won in majority-Hispanic and lower-income areas.

Another Mamdani pick, Brad Lander similarly wiped up in high-income and

high-education areas while crushing Rep. Dan Goldman, whose strong performance in low-income parts of the district didn't save him. Socialistic economics may have appeal to working-class voters in theory, but the DSA couples its economics with extreme views on cultural issues that have very little appeal with non-college-educated voters. Tax the rich? Sure. Transcend the gender binary? No, thanks -- whatever that means.

That the average black Democrat is more moderate and pragmatic than the average white Democrat may prove the ultimate check on whether an AOC-type candidate can claim the big prize of the Democratic presidential nomination in 2028. It's one thing to appeal to the so-called Commie Belt in New York City, the young, highly educated, diverse neighborhoods in Queens and Brooklyn that so strongly backed Zohran Mamdani; it's quite another to win over the older, religious African American voters in, say, South Carolina's I-95 Black Belt.

In the 2020 primaries, Bernie Sanders ran a campaign of great verve and ideological energy, while Joe Biden stumbled from one early setback to another -- yet, black Democrats decided that the former vice president was the safer choice, and that was the end of Sanders. In short, the workers of the world may one day unite, but not behind a socialist vessel for the grievances of ideologically exotic, college-educated white people.

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Fitness" 9075 Windsock Avenue,
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Risk Services of Louisiana,
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UT 84721 is doing business
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Insurance Agencies" 333 Texas
Street Suite 1000, Shreveport,
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100 Premium Way, Alamosa,
CO 81101. Filed with the Clerk
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Pullman Drive, Sacramento, CA
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Jacob Caton, 4940 Southwest
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DixieAnn Avenue, Sacramento,
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Suite 310, Sacramento, CA
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Drive Suite 310, Sacramento,
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The Ukraine Effect: Cheap High-Tech Weapons and California

By Josh Cook

The California congressional delegation should treat advances in high-tech warfare as both economic development and a national security opportunity.

First, expand and protect flexible contracting authorities so that companies with combat-proven systems can move from prototype and early operational use into sustained production without restarting the full traditional acquisition clock. Second, insist on metrics that reward cost-per-effect and iteration speed, not just unit cost or exquisite performance. Third, ensure that the growing autonomy and unmanned budget lines are structured to favor competition from non-traditional suppliers rather than defaulting to the usual primes. Fourth, use oversight to demand that lessons from Ukraine and similar conflicts are rapidly translated into requirements documents instead of being filtered through legacy assumptions.

This is not about abandoning all high-end platforms. It is about recognizing that the force needs both and cannot afford to shoot down \$16,000 drones with \$ 6 million missiles.

California’s companies are already building the affordable, software-centric half. The procurement system must be made capable of absorbing them at the volume the threat environment requires. Failure means California’s innovation advantage is partially wasted, jobs and capital migrate or underperform, and the Department of War continues to buy for the last war.

At the same time, the next one is already being fought with different tools. Acquisition reform language appears regularly in National Defense Authorization Acts, and appropriators have shown willingness to fund autonomy lines more explicitly. California members sit in key positions—Defense Appropriations subcommittee leadership and districts that contain both traditional bases and the new tech companies. That leverage is underused if it is applied only to protecting existing programs rather than forcing structural change that lets cheaper, high-tech systems scale.

The Ukrainians adapted because they had to, because the war was on their doorstep. We should adapt our processes before that happens. ★

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Flag Football Skills Class is Back



The class will consist of four-week sessions teaching players passing, catching and running techniques, defensive strategies and agility drills, teamwork and game basics. Photo designed by Magnific.

By MPG Staff

RIO LINDA, CA (MPG) - The Rio Linda Elverta Recreation and Parks District flag football skills class is back this August! Whether your child is new to the game or wants to sharpen their skills, this fun, no-contact program is the perfect place to learn, build confidence and make new friends.

The class will consist of four-week sessions teaching players passing, catching and running techniques, defensive strategies and agility drills, teamwork and game basics.

Admission for the class is \$80 per person however; Twin Rivers Unified School

District students may qualify to have their registration fees fully covered by the district. Interested families should complete the Twin Rivers Interest Form to be added to the eligibility list.

The skills classes will take place at Developing Youth Athletes located at 6801 Curved Bridge Road, Suite B in Rio Linda. Classes will be held every Wednesday from Aug. 5 to 26.

Class times will be divided into two different slots based on age of athletes. Ages 4 to 7 will have classes from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. and classes will take place from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. for ages 8 to 14.

Register today at www.rleparks.com ★



Dave Ramsey

Dear Dave,

My wife and I are on Baby Step 2 of your plan, and we’re paying off our debt as quickly as possible. I’ve even put my motorcycle up for sale for \$5,000 to help us get out of debt faster. The other day, a guy offered me \$500 cash and a fishing boat for the bike. I’ve always really wanted a boat, but picking up a toy feels weird when we’re trying to get out of debt. Plus, the money portion of the deal would only make a tiny dent in what we owe. What do you think about this?

— Gordon

Dear Gordon,

I’m proud of you two for working to get control of your finances. And I’ve got to admit, the deal this guy offered is kind of interesting. Odd, but interesting!

At this stage of the game, though, I think you

and your wife should sit down together and ask yourselves what your real goal is. If the goal is to own a boat, then you could accomplish that easily. If your goal is to get out of debt and get control of your finances, then this deal isn’t really the best way to go. It seems like a cool transaction on the surface, especially if you like being on the water. But the upkeep and maintenance on boats can really add up. And that means more hassles and expenses in your lives.

I think you already knew this, Gordon, but in my mind getting out of debt as quickly as possible comes first. There’s plenty of time later for you to save up and buy a nice boat *after* you get control of your money. In this scenario, you’re really just trading one recreational vehicle—and the accompanying expenses—for another.

If you’re on Baby Step 2, it means you’ve already

got \$1,000 in the bank for emergencies, and you’ve moved on to paying off all your debt, except for your home. This tells me you two are motivated, but the idea of a boat has caused your resolve to get a little shaky.

So, if you’re looking for someone to tell you forget the boat, and stay on track with getting control of your lives and money, I’m your guy. Don’t do the deal!

— Dave

Dave Ramsey is a nine-time national bestselling author; personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions. ★

Get Ready for the 13th Annual Rio Linda Elverta Country Faire

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the Community Showcase.

The Community Showcase is open to all residents of Sacramento, Placer, Yuba and Sutter counties. Local creators are invited to enter their artwork, photography, baking, crafts and garden produce. Entry forms and handbooks are available online, with a hard deadline to submit entries by mail or email on Sept. 7. Accepted showcase entries must be dropped off at the Dry Creek Ranch House tent on Sept. 17, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., or Sept. 18, between 8 a.m. and noon. Exhibitors can pick up their entries on Saturday afternoon between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m.

In addition to the exhibit space, the fairgrounds will feature a wide selection of local artisans and food trucks. Vendors wishing to participate must submit their applications by Sept. 12. Space rates are set at \$30 for informational booths, \$50 for craft vendors and \$120 for food trucks.

Beyond the showcase, attendees can expect more than 130 vendor booths featuring handmade crafts, jewelry, clothing, woodwork and other locally made goods, along with food trucks and live entertainment throughout the



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weekend. Families can enjoy a free Fun Zone with jump houses, face painting, games, a toddler area and a rock climbing wall. Other attractions include farm animals, carnival games, a horseshoe tournament, raffles, a watermelon-eating contest and guided tours of the historic Ranch House on Saturday. A crowd-favorite zucchini race will also return on Saturday.

Businesses and organizations interested in supporting the fair can also sponsor activities and attractions. Sponsorship opportunities begin at \$350

and include promotional recognition throughout the event.

For vendor applications, Community Showcase entry forms, sponsorship information or additional details, visit the official Rio Linda Elverta Country Faire website. Organizers encourage residents to bring family and friends for a weekend celebrating the creativity, history and community spirit of Rio Linda and Elverta.

For more information or to donate to the free event, visit www.riolindaelvertacountryfaire.com. ★

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